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-- E) PRAGUE 3517

1. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, WE ARE IN PROCESS OF MAKING
CSCE IMPLEMENTATION DEMARCHES IN EASTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS,
FOLLOWING APPROACH MADE IN MOSCOW DECEMBER 14. WE
BELIEVE SIMILAR APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE TO GOC, BUT

IN VIEW OF AMBASSADOR'S TREATMENT OF CSCE SUBJECTS IN HIS MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK (REF E), HAVE STRUCTURED MORE LIMITED PRESENTATION FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA THAN THAT BEING MADE IN OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS. EMBASSY SHOULD PROPOSE MEETING BETWEEN SENIOR EMBASSY AND MFA OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AND SHOULD INFORM GOC THAT WE ANTICIPATE FURTHER BILATERAL CONTACTS ON IMPLEMENTATION AS THE SITUATION WARRANTS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE SPECIFIC TOPICS WHICH EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE UP WITH GOC AT MEETING DESCRIBED PARA 1:

A) DIVIDED FAMILIES - EMBASSY SHOULD FOLLOW-UP ON AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS TO CHNOUPEK ON THIS SUBJECT BY REFERRING ONCE AGAIN TO CZECH PROMISE TO TAKE POSITIVE ACTION ON SEVERAL EMIGRATION APPLICATIONS OF MINORS
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TO JOIN PARENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY EMIGRATED (REF C). YOU SHOULD CITE THIS AS POSITIVE STEP IN AREA OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO US PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL OPINION AND SHOULD PRESS CZECHS FOR FURTHER ACTION IN RESOLVING OTHER DIVIDED FAMILY CASES. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO SUPPLEMENT ORAL PRESENTATION BY HANDING OVER PAPER GIVING CURRENT STATUS OF SPECIFIC DIVIDED FAMILY APPLICATIONS SUCH AS THAT CONTAINED IN TRADITIONAL REPRESENTATION LIST.

B) CONSULAR CONVENTION - YOU SHOULD PRESS FOR EARLY COMPLETION OF RATIFICATION PROCESS FOR CONSULAR CONVENTION.

C) INFORMATION - YOU SHOULD REFER TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT BY WHICH SIGNATORIES MADE IT THEIR AIM TO FACILITATE THE FREER AND WIDER DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION. SPECIFICALLY, YOU SHOULD BROACH SUBJECT

OF JOURNALISTS' VISAS, USING EXAMPLE OF SEEGER VISA
REFUSAL IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE. YOU COULD ALSO POINT
OUT THAT WE HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE OF INCREASED
AVAILABILITY OF US NEWSPAPERS OR OTHER PUBLICATIONS
IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS AND URGE
THE CZECHS TO TAKE CONCRETE STEPS WHICH WOULD DEMONSTRATE
PROGRESS IN THIS AREA.

D) ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INFORMATION - EMBASSY
REPORTED IN REF D SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS UNDER THIS
GENERAL HEADING. THESE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS SHOULD BE
CITED AS EXAMPLES OF WHAT GOC NEEDS TO DO IN THIS
FIELD IF CSCE STANDARDS ARE TO BE MET. YOU SHOULD
POINT OUT THAT CZECHOSLOVAKS HAVE AN INTEREST IN
PRODUCING FULL, ACCURATE AND TIMELY ECONOMIC AND
COMMERCIAL INFORMATION WHICH CAN BE OF USE TO FIRMS
INTERESTED IN DOING BUSINESS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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